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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 0573

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, CN, UR, US  
SUBJECT: SOVIET DESIRES TO SEE CONTINUATION OF UNIFIED CANADA

REF: MOSCOW 0050,

1. SUMMARY. CANADIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR BELIEVES SOVIETS  
NOT SYMPATHETIC TO SEPARATIST SOLUTION FOR CANADA. END  
SUMMARY.

2. DURING POL COUNSELOR'S JAN 12 CALL ON CANADIAN COUNTER-  
PART LOOYE LATTER WAS ASKED HOW SOVIETS WERE TREATING  
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PQ SEPARATIST ISSUE. LOOYE REPLIED THAT SOVIET PRESS  
TREATMENT AND OFFICIALS' COMMENT SUPPORT PRESERVATION  
OF UNITED CANADA AND DOWNPLAY SEPARATIST THREAT. HE  
SPECULATED THAT SOVIETS GENUINELY FAVOR A UNITED CANADA  
BECAUSE, NOTWITHSTANDING ITS NATO AND NORAD MEMBERSHIP,  
IN CERTAIN RESPECTS IT ACTS AS A COUNTERWEIGHT TO  
U.S. AND FORBIDS EMPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR MISSILES ON

CANADIAN SOIL. TO THE SOVIETS, FRAGMENTATION OF CANADA  
RAISES THE SPECTOR OF SEVERAL PROVINCES FALLING SO FAR  
UNDER U.S. INFLUENCE AS TO PERMIT EMPLACEMENT OF NUCLEAR  
MISSILES ON THEIR TERRITORY.

3. CANADIANS ALSO REPORT THAT DURING NEW YEAR'S PARTY  
THROWN BY MFA SECOND EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT (U.K. AND  
"OLD COMMONWEALTH") FOR ITS MOSCOW DIPLOMATIC CLIENTELE,  
DEPARTMENT CHIEF SUSLOV AND OTHER FUNCTIONARIES HAD  
SINGLED OUT CANADIANS FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION, WITH  
MULTIPLE REFERENCES TO "POSITIVE TRENDS" IN BILATERAL  
RELATIONSHIP. THEY MADE PARTICULAR POINTS OF NOTING  
THAT BREZHNEV HAD INCLUDED TRUDEAU AMONG VERY FEW FOREIGN  
LEADERS TO WHOM HE HAD ADDRESSED NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS,  
AND TO SEPARATE BILLING FOR CANADA IN LAST FEBRUARY'S  
25TH CPSU CONGRESS REPORT.

4. COMMENT: CANADIANS' COMMENTS ADD ADDITIONAL DIMENSION  
TO WHAT WE, AND THEY, HAVE BEEN SEEING IN RECENT PRESS  
TREATMENT OF CANADA. MOST RECENTLY, PROBABLY TIMED TO  
COINCIDE WITH THE BREZHNEV NEW YEAR GREETING, PRAVDA  
CARRIED INTERVIEW JAN 2 OF CANADIAN PM TRUDEAU PROTRAY-  
ING HIM IN FAVORABLE LIGHT AND PUTTING EMPHASIS ON POSI-  
TIVE IN SOVIET-CANADIAN RELATIONS (REFTEL). INTERVIEWER  
N. BRAGIN USED EXTENSIVE QUOTES OF TRUDEAU TO SHOW EX-  
PECTATIONS OF EVEN BETTER RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW FOR  
1977 AND TO GET IN MENTION (RARE IN DOMESTIC PRESS)  
THAT TRUDEAU, AT LEAST, IS LOOKING FOR VISITS  
"AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS" FOR THE COMING YEAR. ALSO,  
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RECENT PQ VICTORY IN PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS IN QUEBEC  
GOT STRAIGHTFORWARD COVERAGE IN SOVIET PRESS, BUT  
ABSENCE OF ANY FOLLOWUP IN WEEKS FOLLOWING SUGGESTS  
THE SOVIETS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN BUILDING UP PQ IMAGE.  
FINALLY, OUR CANADIAN COLLEAGUES' REMARKS ABOUT SOVIET  
CONCERN OVER U.S. INFLUENCE HARKEN BACK TO SPATE OF ARTICLES  
OF SEVERAL MONTHS AGO PRIOR TO PQ VICTORY, WHICH PLAYED  
ON THEME THAT U.S. WAS AT FAULT FOR MUCH OF CANADIAN ECONOMIC  
WOES AND U.S. CORPORATIONS WERE INFILTRATING CANADA AND  
UNDERMINING CANADIAN NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

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